

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-35 (canceled)

Claim 36 (previously presented): A method for establishing storage for a file comprising the steps of:

receiving an NFS (network file system) create request at a network element;

receiving a file create request at a meta-data server from the network element;

allocating an inode number for the file at the meta-data server;

making create calls to input output secondaries to mark the file as allocated by the input output secondaries; and

committing the file create at the meta-data server.

Claim 37 (original): A method for removing a file from storage comprising the steps of:

receiving a delete file request at a meta-data server;

removing a file name of the file from a parent directory by the meta-data server
at the meta-data server;

putting the file on a file delete list by the meta-data server at the meta-data
server;

sending delete calls to the input output secondaries;

receiving at the meta-data server acknowledgment calls from the input output
secondaries that they have deleted the file;

deleting the file at the meta-data server;

removing the file from the file delete list; and

placing an inode number associated with the file into a free list by the meta-data
server at the meta-data server.

Claims 38-64 (canceled)